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CNS photo by Catherine Walsh

TEKAKWITHA CELEBRATION — With an entry procession brightened by art and apparel from a revered tradition, the 50th anniversary of the Tekakwitha Conference, the national gathering of Catholic Native Americans, gets under way in Fargo, N.D. The 1989 event drew some 2,000 participants, including a delegation from the Diocese of San Diego, to North Dakota State University in early August. The theme was "Walking the Sacred Circle With Jesus Christ."

Native Americans 'walk the sacred circle with Jesus'

By Catherine Walsh
Catholic News Service

and Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

FARGO, N.D. — Some 45 Native American Indians from the San Diego diocese were among the 2,000 to attend the annual Tekakwitha Conference Aug. 2-6 at North Dakota State University. This year's theme was "Walking the Sacred Circle With Jesus Christ."

It was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the conference, which has a national center in Great Falls, Mont., and the 50th annual meeting sponsored by the conference.

Toddy Yeats, a Kumeyaay tribe member representing the Barona Indian Mission in Lakeside, said the conference "made me realize we do walk in a sacred circle with Jesus Christ, by the way we treat each other in our daily lives."

The keynote speaker, a Vatican official, told the Native American Catholics that the Creator has always walked with the American Indian people and their ancestors, and he urged them to claim their heritage.

Cardinal Francis Arinze, head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, said Christ was found "in the traditional sacred ways of Native Americans. The cultural roots of a people are of fundamental importance."

"You have every right to strive to be who you are," the cardinal emphasized. "It is only you who can articulate, who

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Vatican hails Poland's choice for prime minister

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — The selection of a Catholic editor as Poland's designated prime minister has heartened Vatican officials, who described the move as a dramatic turning point for Eastern Europe's most Catholic country.

They said Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Solidarity leader chosen Aug. 19 to form a government, was an old friend of Pope John Paul II. The two saw each other frequently when the pope was archbishop of Krakow, and when they met at the Vatican in 1987 the pope embraced Mazowiecki warmly, they said.

"It's a dramatic and important development. It certainly represents a turning point in the history of Poland," said one Vatican official who deals with Polish affairs.

He said the selection of Poland's first non-communist prime minister since the war, along with a government led by the mostly Catholic Solidarity movement, could have immediate positive effects for the church.

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Vatican official who deals with Polish affairs

For example, the official said, the recent law granting the Polish church legal status would probably have an "easy" application under a Solidarity-led government. Under the old regime, he said, there might well have been conflict over specific points of the legislation.

The official said the church has had an indirect but important role in Poland's democratization. The Polish church encouraged and observed last spring's round-table talks that opened up the political process to opposition candidates. Local church leaders generally supported the Solidarity candidates in the June elections, which set the stage for Mazowiecki's selection.

"These were extremely important elections. This meant the regime, at least partially, recognized the sovereignty of the Polish nation. The pope has been insisting on this — in public and in private — for years," said the official.

The official cautioned that Poland's new leaders are inexperienced and "are bound to make mistakes."

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Catechists to attend institute

SAN DIEGO — Over 1,300 people are expected to attend the annual Catechetical Institute sponsored by the diocesan Office of Catechetical Ministry Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the University of San Diego, Alcala Park.

This year's theme is "Proclaim My Marvelous Deeds." Ginger Infantino, director of the Office of Catechetical Ministry, said this year's institute focuses on "our role in spreading the word, sharing what we've experienced."

The keynote speaker will be Father Donald Jette, SSS, director of the Eucharistic Mission Band of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. He is one of the founders of the Shrine parish in Santa Cruz, Manila, Philippines, where he spent 14 years in eucharistic ministry.

Participants can attend three workshops in addition to the general assembly. Workshop topics range from "History of the Mass" to "Ministering to Grieving Children" and will be conducted by teachers of catechetical ministry.

Workshops and a general assembly will also be conducted in Spanish. The keynote speaker will be Carmen María Cervantes, Ph.D., consultant to the Hispanic Catechesis in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., and president of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Catechesis.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will be the principal celebrant at the closing liturgy.

Music will be sung in English and Spanish and provided by Bob Hurd, a composer from the San Francisco area.

Cost is $12 per person. Preregistration deadline is Sept. 15. After that date, the fee is $15.

For further information, call Donna Cravens, 574-6311.

Anniversary Mass for Junipero Serra set

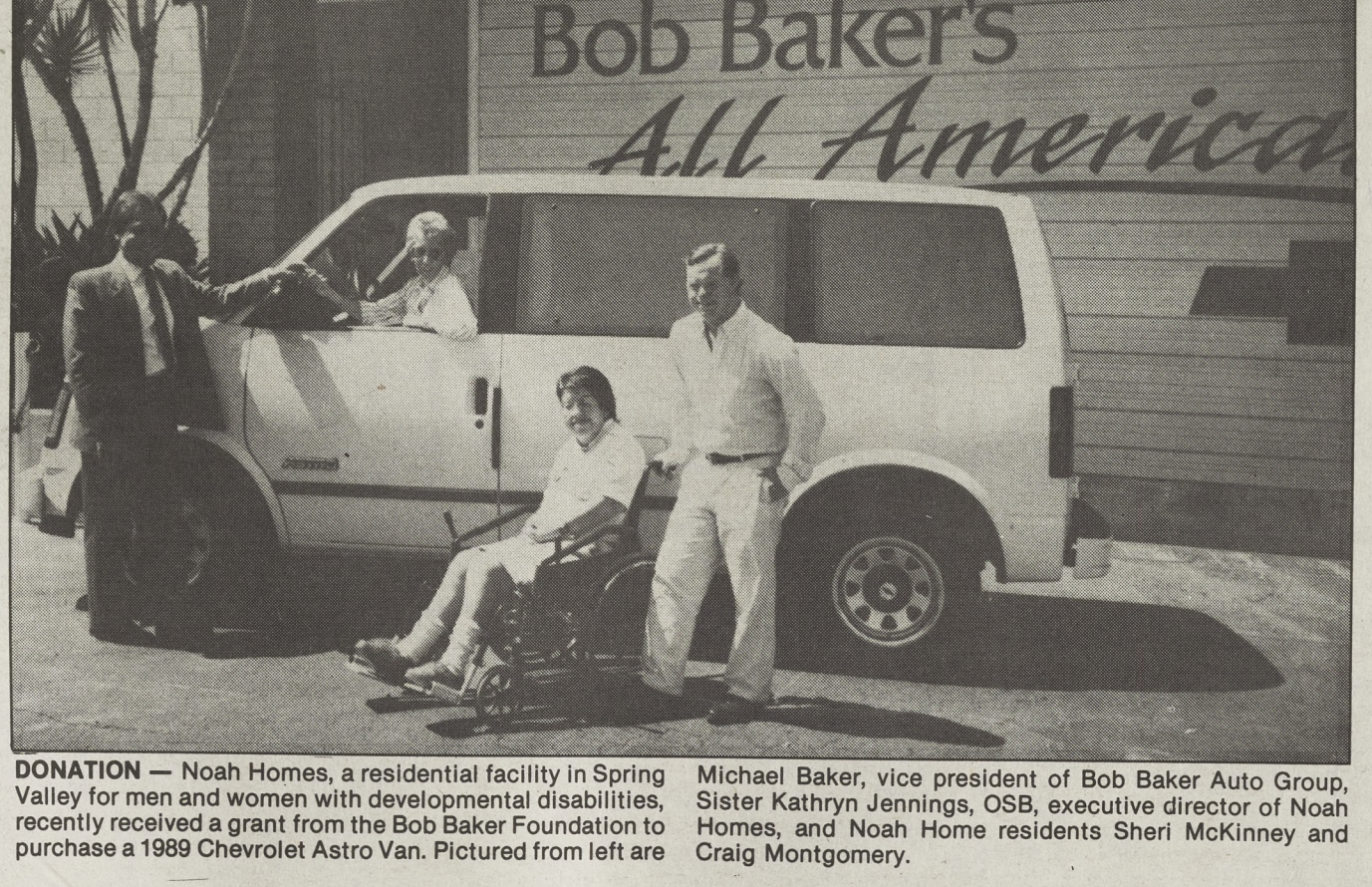
SAN DIEGO — Serra Clubs of the San Diego diocese will host the 205th anniversary Mass of the death of Junipero Serra, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala.

The Mass will be concelebrated by the newly ordained diocesan priests. A buffet dinner will follow on the mission patio. Tickets are $12.50 per person.

For further information, call Dixie Walker, 286-7849.

Ground-breaking for Bonita parish slated

BONITA — Corpus Christi Church will hold ground-breaking ceremonies for its new church building and parish center Sept. 10 with an 11 a.m. liturgical celebration.



DONATION — Noah Homes, a residential facility in Spring Valley for men and women with developmental disabilities, recently received a grant from the Bob Baker Foundation to purchase a 1989 Chevrolet Astro Van. Pictured from left are Michael Baker, vice president of Bob Baker Auto Group, Sister Kathryn Jennings, OSB, executive director of Noah Homes, and Noah Home residents Sheri McKinney and Craig Montgomery.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will be the principal celebrant at the Mass. Father John Proctor, pastor, will give a dedication sermon.

Also included in the celebration will be the bestowal of the Pro Merito Medal, a new diocesan service award for "extraordinary service to the parish within the diocese," to five of Corpus Christi's parishioners.

The parish plans to occupy its new facility in June 1990.

The Bonita parish will celebrate the fifth anniversary of its founding Sept. 9. Festivities for that event will begin at 6 p.m. and include a dinner, dance and a drawing for various prizes, including a trip to Las Vegas.

Tickets are $23.50 per person before Sept. 1 and $25 after that date.

For further information, call Father John Proctor, 470-8882.

Catholic TV program begins airing locally

SAN DIEGO — "Heart of the Nation," a large producer of Catholic television, is broadcasting programs on Cox Cable's Channel 26, "The Inspirational Network," at 7:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and a Mass at 10 a.m., Sundays.

Delivering the only regularly scheduled daily Catholic television programs in San Diego, "Heart of the Nation" provides viewers a window on the Catholic world with a diversified and uplifting line-up, said a "Heart of the Nation" spokesperson.

In addition to the Sunday Mass, the weekly series includes:

- "Forum" — Monday and Tuesday evenings. Contemporary social and spiritual issues are discussed from a Christian perspective;
- "A New Beginning" — Wednesday evenings. People who make a positive difference are highlighted;
- "Search" — Thursday evenings. Leading members of the Catholic community provide a weekly home retreat experience with programs devoted to scripture, prayer and teaching;
- "Innervision" — Friday evenings. Catholic bishops of the United States share personal views and observations on contemporary social and religious issues.
- "And Now for the Good News" — will replace "Forum" on Tuesday evenings in October as a Bible study program which will enhance viewers' understanding and appreciation of scripture.

Nationally, "Heart of the Nation" is aired on broadcast stations, cable systems and through satellite distribution on the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America, and Eternal Word Television Network.

In addition to its television ministry, "Heart of the Nation" also maintains a 17-hour daily phone ministry, a mail ministry and a prison ministry.

For further information, call the prayer line at (818) 842-5511.

Ombudsman program graduates four students

EL CENTRO — Four graduates of the second volunteer training class sponsored by the Imperial County Long-Term Ombudsman program were certified Aug. 11 by the State Department of Aging. Ombudsmen receive, investigate and attempt to resolve complaints made by or on behalf of patients in long-term care facilities.

Laura Tarvin, Maria Hernandez, Richard Ramirez and Christopher Bindiola completed the 36-hour class and will begin making ongoing visits to skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. The new volunteers join Lee Clipper, Doreen Wong and Howard Worthington as ombudsmen.

Twelve women learn about monastic life

CLAIREMONT — Twelve young women from different parts of the United States, including four from the Diocese of San Diego, spent one week with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration earlier this month to learn about monastic life.

The goal of the program, which is in its ninth year, is to give women the opportunity to experience monastic life. The women follow the nuns' daily schedule of prayer, work and leisure.

During the week, the women are also given the opportunity to speak to the Benedictine Sisters and reflect upon their own vocation.

— Compiled by Maureen Nuesca from submitted information

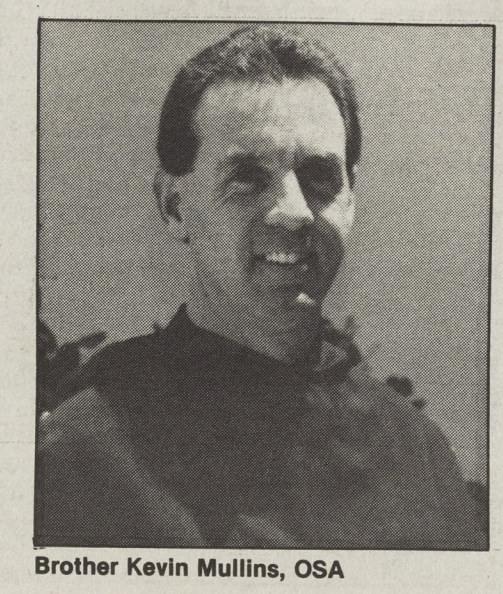
Augustinian professes vows

HOLLYWOOD — The friars of the Province of St. Augustine announced the solemn profession of vows of Kevin Mullins to take place Aug. 26 at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Hollywood, Calif. Brother Mullins completed his pastoral internship at St. Patrick Church, San Diego.

He will be awarded a Master of Divinity Degree in May 1990 by the Washington Theological Union, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Upon completion of his degree and ordination requirements, he will be ordained to the presbyterate.

Brother Mullins entered the Austin House (the Augustinian pre-novitiate residence in San Diego) in 1984 and studied at the University of San Diego prior to entering the novitiate.



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Since we will be reporting on the joy and excitement of that convention in our September 7 issue, we are inviting San Diego's Italian community to show its pride in San Diego: Italian Style through a special advertising section in the issue. This section will show convention highlights and reflect the unique joy and pride of San Diego's Italian community.

To participate in this special issue just call 574-6393 and ask for the advertising department.

Parish uses many avenues to evangelize

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

VISTA — To parishioners at St. Francis Church, evangelization means moving the Good News from the pews to the streets, a jail, a soup kitchen and to homes.

Since October, Thursday evenings have found John Clauder, full-time parish coordinator of evangelism, and other parishioners at a street fair "selling" the gospel message.

Clauder evangelizes with his wife, Sandy, Tony and Kate Caserta, Ron and Rae Arnold and Glen Twillinger, a student at St. Francis Seminary.

Their religious display outside a photography studio contrasts with the produce-laden tables and booths of handcrafted items that stretch some three blocks on East Vista Way.

The St. Francis table features a box for prayer requests, free religious literature, small photos of Jesus, a welcoming letter from Msgr. Douglas Regin, pastor, and suckers for the children, Clauder told *Southern Cross*.

This arrangement attracts people of all ages and backgrounds — teen-agers, grandparents, alcoholics, drug abusers and gang members, he said. "We love them in Jesus."

The parishioners show their love to interested street fair-goers by sharing their faith, praying for the needs of those who ask and inviting them to church, Clauder explained.

"We're in the streets as Jesus was. It's exciting to be out there," he said.

"People that are hurting can't believe the Good News is true," Caserta said. He told of a former drug abuser and prison inmate who "was positive he was no good. I wouldn't affirm him as a loser."

Caserta said he spent 45 minutes with the man, observing his "skepticism change." He remembered "God is love" and considered returning to church with his Catholic wife and children, he added.



Vista Press photo by Steve Thornton

STREET EVANGELIZATION — John Clauder, parish coordinator of evangelism at St. Francis Church, Vista, stands by a sign put up weekly at a street fair in Vista. A table of religious goods attracts people of all ages and backgrounds who are invited to church.

Clauder believes this form of evangelization is "a wonderful presence to the city of Vista. We meet people of other faiths. ... Catholics are very proud we're there," he said.

Msgr. Regin agrees. Although he noted no "tangible effects" of the project, he said a few have returned to practicing their faith and others have expressed interest in doing so. "The people have begun to identify us," he said.

St. Francis' evangelization efforts also include operating a soup kitchen in the parish hall on Monday evenings for up to 100 families. For the past year parish groups have financed, prepared and served meals for street people, said Clauder, who heads this outreach.

Singing, Scripture reading and preaching by Clauder precede the meals; personal prayer is available afterward for those requesting it, he said.

Soup kitchen guests perceive "the church as a caring, nonjudgmental community to serve them," Msgr. Regin said. Some use this opportunity "to turn their lives around."

Next month some 20 parishioners will resume ministry at the recently reopened Vista Detention Facility, Caserta said. He expects more than 20 inmates to participate in weekly sessions of singing, Scripture reading and prayer, led by St. Francis volunteers in the jail's multipurpose room.

"It's important to let inmates know God loves them and people care for them," Caserta said.

Another parish evangelization outreach slated for the near future is a home visitation program in which volunteers will call on households formerly registered with the parish and invite them to return to the church, Clauder said.

The parish evangelization program is based on several Vatican II documents which state, in part, that "Jesus Christ commissions everyone in the church in one form or another to be witnesses of the gospel message to the entire world (Matthew 28:18-20). Evangelization is not an option. It is a command incumbent upon every baptized Christian. The entire church is missionary."

St. Francis Church's mission statement of evangelization targets "active Catholics, inactive Catholics, the unchurched, non-Catholic Christians through ecumenism and non-Christian believers through interreligious dialogue."

Clauder said he felt "called to be a lay evangelist" 12 years ago when he began working in Catholic renewal groups. He later produced records of contemporary gospel music that he performed at youth, charismatic and Marriage Encounter gatherings.

Clauder studied evangelization at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, Good News School of Evangelization in Pensacola, Fla., and Marilyn Kramer's Los Angeles-based School of Evangelization.

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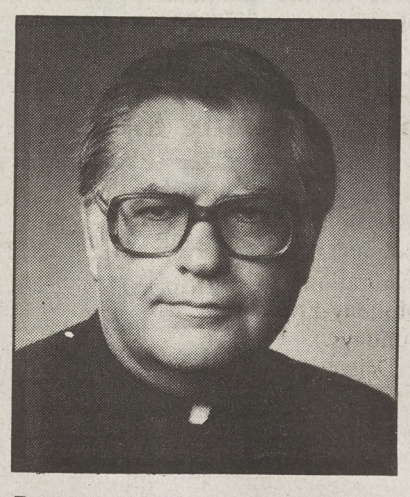
CARLOS J. FERNANDEZ Funeral Mass; August 7, 1989 at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel.

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Anti-abortion voter turnout low at election

For shame on all those who were too busy or just didn't have time to vote on August 8th. The most important issue was the difference between pro-choice and anti-abortion candidates. The anti-abortion voters were nowhere to be seen. The Scripture in Proverbs 24:11 seemed to scream out in anguish "Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die." That is exactly what has happened in this election; the anti-abortion people stood back and did nothing by not voting.

The blood of the innocent children who will be slaughtered in the upcominng abortions will be on their hands as well as the abortionists. We had a chance to have a legal voice in our government to speak out for the unborn but there was not enough interest in the anti-abortion voters.

Our cries of outrage die in our throats when we don't exercise our obligation to vote. Unfortunately the aborted children won't get another chance; their silent screams will die with them. The Christian churches silence in this election was deafening.

"O Lord, how long must I call for help before you will listen? I shout to you in vain; there is no answer. 'Help! Murder!' I cry, but no one comes to save." (Habakkuk 1:2)

Deacon Ken Finn
Escondido

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal abortion deaths

Speaking of the abortion issue, I understand the pro-abortion people are circulating a scare story about the scores of women who are said to have died as a result of "back-alley" abortions prior to Roe vs. Wade. But the story seems to be made out of whole cloth, a yard wide.

The claim is made that 5,000 to 10,000 women died each year from illegal abortions prior to 1973. According to Dr. John C. Willke, president of the National Right-to-Life Committee, who led a workshop entitled "Back-Alley Abortions: Rumors and Realities" at the National Right-to-Life convention this year, the numbers are totally fabricated. He said that official government figures show only 39 women died from illegal abortions in 1972, the year before the Supreme Court struck down most state anti-abortion laws. Other statistics show deaths to be 250 in 1950, shrinking to 120 by 1967.

Each death is a tragedy, as Dr. Willke says, but those that occurred are infinitely fewer than the number claimed by the pro-abortion crowd. I'm afraid their story just doesn't wash.

Edie Galbraith
San Diego

Pro-choice law dean

I would like to add my support to Father William Mooney's letter to the editor, (*Southern Cross* August 10) on the pro-choice beliefs of the new dean of the USD law school.

I know education to be effective, must expose students to all schools of thought. However, after speaking on the abortion issue for eight years, I have yet to find a speaker on either side that wasn't going to push their beliefs.

This issue is finally coming to a head and people from many faiths as well as no faith have supported the unborn. Can our Catholic intellectuals do less?

Rita Zorn
El Cajon

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State needs long-range plans

CAPITOL INSIGHT
by FR. WILLIAM J. WOOD, SJ

Governor Deukmejian and the Legislature are to be commended for putting together a budget that more fairly meets the needs of Californians. And it is especially commendable that they successfully negotiated a financial scheme for education and transportation in the process.

The pathetic reality, however, is that this took a miracle, or what Assembly Speaker Willie Brown called "an awesome legislative achievement." California is a magnificent ship adrift. What our elected leadership lacks is vision, the ability to see what things will be like 10 years from now and plan, as historian James MacGregor Burns puts it, beyond one's own ambition.

A way to generate such a vision would be for the people of California to call for a moratorium on politics over the next year. Like the Year of Jubilee proclaimed in the 25th chapter of the Book of Leviticus, no bills would be introduced or passed during the next legislative session, except for those that formulate the budget. And the budget would be developed and adopted only after eight months of study, debate and planning.

That long-range planning process would commence, if my proposal is accepted, on Sept. 16, immediately following the close of the 1989 legislative session, and extend until June 30, 1990. Campaigns for state political offices would not be allowed to begin until July 1, 1990.

All Californians would be invited to participate in the debate about the shaping of our future. Legislators and the governor would go out into the communities and listen to the people.

With all due respect to the many conscientious legislators of both parties and in both houses, what goes on in Sacramento year after year is absolutely insane. Since January 1989, 4,559 pieces of legislation have been introduced and hundreds of them were restructured with countless amendments. That's ridiculous! No legislator can keep track of the bills, let alone understand them and how they all fit together. This is essential for the responsible development of public policy.

What is worse is that their overriding concern and preoccupation is not principled law-making, but getting elected the next time around. This is commercialized politics marketed for an increasingly disconnected electorate of consumers.

The newly-framed abortion question could provide a marvelous opportunity to reconnect the electorate and involve them in the vigorous public debate that is the stuff of democracy. But, because of the commercialization of politics and the lack of vision, what the campaigns of 1990 promise is a thoughtless and fruitless exchange of loud and angry slogans, playing for the polarized crowds.

That's the way things will go, unless and until we the people start taking responsibility for our future and stop leaving politics to the politicians. We must re-enfranchise ourselves in the knowledge and skills necessary for effective leadership.

Jesuit Father William Wood is executive director of the California Catholic Conference.

Embryos are not property

MY POINT OF VIEW
by FR. GERALD D. COLEMAN

During the week of April 16, Planned Parenthood published a letter to President Bush in many newspapers throughout the country (see, e.g., *The New York Times*, April 21). Planned Parenthood urged readers to send copies of this letter, personally signed, to President Bush.

The third paragraph of the printed letter from Planned Parenthood states: "...(A)n undeviating majority in this country believe that ultimately only one person is entitled to say when an abortion is necessary — the woman concerned."

Planned Parenthood is representative of a pro-choice mentality in this country which clearly views the fetus/embryo as property, owned as it were by "the woman concerned."

This same mentality can be seen in an extremely important case in Tennessee involving Mary Sue Davis, 28, and her divorced husband, Junior Lewis Davis, 30.

During the time of their nine-year-old marriage, the Davises had seven embyos frozen, ova from Mrs. Davis and Sperm from Mr. Davis.

At this point, after the divorce, Mrs. Davis insists that the embryos are living and that the case involves custody issues and questions related to a "woman's right to choose whether to bring a pregnancy to term."

The trial is scheduled for August 1989 and clearly represents the same problem noted in the letter by Planned Parenthood: the embryo is involved in "custody issues," and is viewed as property owned by the woman.

This viewpoint raises several moral issues: When does life begin? Should an embryo be treated as property? Should an embryo be treated as potential life? Should an embryo be treated as life?

In this particular case, Mr. Davis does not want his wife to bear a child, using the embryos after they are divorced. Mrs. Davis comments, "I personally see the embryo as a living thing and I think I have more rights as the mother."

Mr. Davis' lawyer believes that he "...should retain the absolute right to decide whether or not he will become a parent."

Here again, the embryo is not being viewed as offspring but as property of either the husband or wife and they have sole rights to determine whether or not this fetus should be allowed to come to term.

In this light, I believe that the statement of the instruction is quite pertinent: "Every human being is to be respected for him/herself, and cannot be reduced in worth to a pure and simple instrument for the advantage of others."

The embryo must be respected for its biologically human quality. While it might be possible to argue philosophically about the personhood of the preembryo, it is not possible to argue about the human quality of this preembryo.

The preembryo has potential to become a person and this fact should never be threatened in any way. By its very nature, freezing embryos (cryopreservation) certainly is essentially deleterious to the welfare and dignity owed to this "gift."

The preembryo is a member of the human community and this fact must always be honored and respected.

It is morally imperative that profound value be attached to all stages of humanity, whatever the stage of the life cycle.

Treating the embryo or fetus as property does not respect this value and should be a perspective that warrants critical review and correction.

Sulpician Father Gerald D. Coleman is rector of St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park.

Hispanic heads young adult groups

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — Peter Rubalcava, former pastoral associate at St. Columba Church, Serra Mesa, will become associate director of young adult ministries in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Sept. 1, announced Father Edward "Bud" Kaicher, director.

Rubalcava's primary responsibility, said Father Kaicher, will be to provide resources, education and support to any adults or young adults who are responsible for young adult ministry.

"He will be encouraging parishes that don't have anyone identified as taking responsibility for young adult ministry to find volunteer leadership and offer something for young adults. He will also work with parishes to strengthen existing programs," added Father Kaicher.

Rubalcava has worked with youth and young adults as a member of the Awakening team, (a retreat program similar to Cursillos in Christianity), has sponsored a Roving Mass at his parish and has conducted workshops and directed the music for the liturgies at Connections, an annual conference for young adults.

Earlier this year, he received his bachelor of arts degree in religious studies from the University of San Diego, Alcala Park.

He recently recorded a tape with North American Liturgy Resources entitled "Amanecer," meaning the dawn or awakening. The tape features 12 liturgical pieces composed by Rubalcava, nine of which are sung in Spanish.

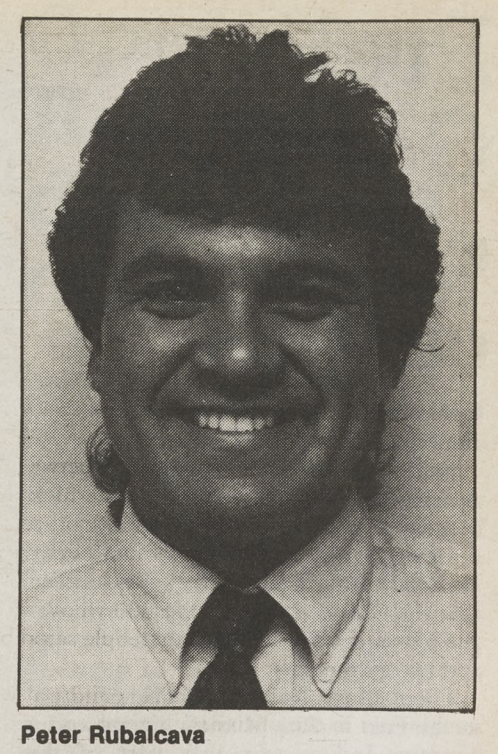
Rubalcava said he will continue to stay involved with his music at St. Columba parish.

Rubalcava told *Southern Cross* he does not foresee any changes in the already established young adult programs. However, he would like to expand promotion of young adult ministry by meeting with pastors.

"Young adults are a group that seems to get left out of the parish life. My goal of young adult ministry is to get them connected in different ministries (within the church). They have many gifts to offer," he explained.

Rubalcava said he is excited about his new position, adding, "I'll certainly meet a lot more people."

"We're real excited about having him on board. Peter has a real deep spirituality, is a very prayerful man and will definitely bring those qualities with him to this office," said Father Kaicher.



Peter Rubalcava

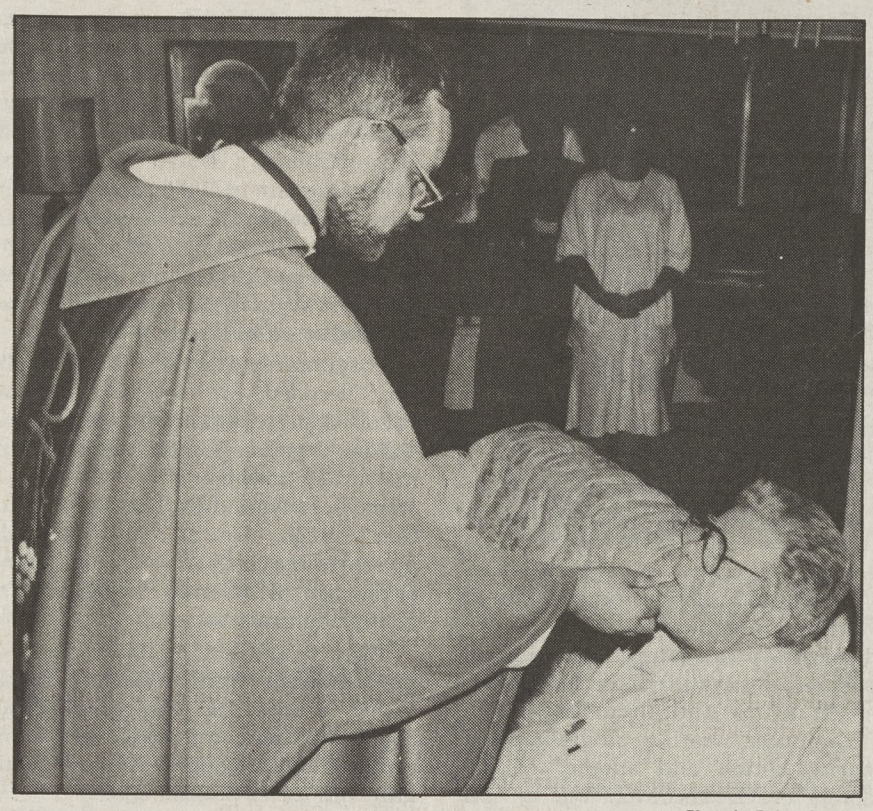


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VISITING — Father Marian Sikorski, pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Polish Mission, San Diego, offers communion to Ted Burns, a resident of Cloisters of the Valley, a residential facility in Mission Valley. Father Sikorski visits the facility twice a month distributing communion. Father Sikorski celebrated Mass at the home for the first time Aug. 13. The guitar group of St. Maximilian Kolbe parish provided the music.

Msgr. Regin takes county social service position

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

VISTA — Msgr. Douglas Regin, pastor at St. Francis Church, Vista, recently accepted a one-year, part-time appointment with the County of San Diego.

Msgr. Regin will spend about 15 hours each week working with North County community groups on issues such as homelessness and migrant workers. He will be based in the Escondido Social Service Center.

The announcement was made by chief administrative officer Norman Hickey Aug. 11. "I am pleased that the Most Reverend Leo Maher, bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, has agreed to allow Father Regin to assist the county with its multitude of social services activities," said Hickey.

Msgr. Regin told *Southern Cross* it is important for the church to have interaction with the community "because service is an important part of the ministry."

Msgr. Regin said he and Hickey had been talking about the prospect of his working with the county for some time but felt it was imperative that he "settle into parish life." Msgr. Regin has served as pastor at the Vista parish since 1987.

"My pastoral duties have priority," he said. "Any conflicts will be resolved in favor of the parish."

Msgr. Regin's previous experience includes 10 years as executive director of Catholic Charities, (formerly Catholic Community Services). He holds a master's degree in social work.

He currently serves on the Vista Park and Recreation Commission, the Social Service Advisory Board and is involved with United Way.

At the end of his one-year commitment, Msgr. Regin said he has the option of renewing his contract with the county.

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This 30-year-old priest, in spite of his familiarity with tribal customs and language faces the inherent conservatism of the tribe, one of the most backward in the region. Missionary priests of St. Patrick have been working among them since 1961 and can now celebrate their success in bringing to ordination the first Turkana priest. It will be a long time before their tribe produces a religious Sister because the young women are trained only for marriage by tribal custom.

By the way, traditional gifts at Father David's ordination ceremony included camels, goats, chickens, farm products and a bed! He also received a chalice and a cassock.

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Prelate: Gospel elevates culture

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can formulate who you are.''

Cardinal Arinze complimented Native Americans on their spiritual gifts, which include ''self-deprivation and fasting, a sense of the sacred and a view of authority as a holy trust from God.'' He stressed that the Gospel does not ''despoil what is good in a culture,'' but rather ''elevates and transforms it.''

Sister Mary Yarger, CPPS, principal at the Pala Indian Mission School and a Luiseno Indian who was part of the enterage from San Diego that participated in the conference, said she found the cardinal's message ''very exciting.''

''He spoke about using tribal culture in the liturgies of the Catholic Church. When we see someone of such high rank doing things that we would like to do, it confirms our wishes that it (integrating tribal culture) is acceptable.''

Cardinal Arinze urged the Tekakwitha Conference participants to develop more Native American leadership within the church, noting there are already two U.S. Native American bishops — Coadjutor Bishop Donald E. Pelotte of Gallup, N.M., and Bishop Charles J. Chaput of Rapid City, S.D.

Yeats told *Southern Cross* she felt the conference is important to the Native American community because it builds unity and strength.

Various area caucuses discussed implementation of the Tekakwitha Vision Statement, developed during the 1988 annual conference, in Native American Catholic communities throughout North America.

Anthony Pico, chairman of the Viejas Indian Band Mission in San Diego and member of the national Tekekwitha conference board of directors, said ''The overall objective of the board (through the national conference) is to empower Indian people to take responsibility for their spirituality and to promote the canonization of Kateri Tekekwitha.''

This can be done, he said, through catechetical programs — ''so Native Americans can teach their own children to integrate the symbolisms (of the Indian culture) within the Catholic Church and the Mass.''



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA — Deacon Donagh O'Meara, visiting St. Mary parish, Escondido, from Ireland, left, Msgr. Frederick Florek, pastor, Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez and Clayton Grady, a parishioner of Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, and coordinator of the second annual Rosary Crusade, stand beside the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the Aug. 13 event at St. Mary Church, Escondido. The statue was carried in the opening procession by members of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. Over 500 people attended the celebration which commemorates the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15.

Church played visible role in choice of Poland's head

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''But they have potential talents to lead and rule the country. We are praying for them,'' he said. He added that Western economic aid will be essential to their success.

The pope, the official said, has followed the events ''closely but privately — he's been careful not to be seen as intruding.''

During a flight to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, the pope called the formation of the new Polish government ''a step forward.''

Having a non-communist government in Poland is ''a very important event,'' the pope said on the plane Aug. 19. ''That which has been done is very important.''

Polish church leaders had a visible role in the events surrounding Mazowiecki's rise to power. Poland's primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Gniezno and Warsaw, met with the president, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, shortly before Jaruzelski nominated Mazowiecki.

After he was informed of the decision, Mazowiecki's first visit was to Cardinal Glemp's residence. The next day, Mazowiecki attended Mass in Gdansk, where the local bishop introduced him to an overflow crowd outside.

A Polish Vatican source, reflecting on the sudden political turn in his homeland, said: ''It seems difficult to imagine a prime minister wearing on his lapel a Solidarity button and another of the Madonna of Czestochowa. But at this point, it's just as hard to imagine a prime minister wearing a Communist Party pin.''

Another Vatican official said that while there were risks involved in such swift political change, he doubted whether the Soviet Union would interfere. In 1981, after Soviet pressure, Polish troops were used to crush the Solidarity movement.

Cardinal praises Italians

By John Primavera
Special to Southern Cross

SAN FRANCISCO — Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, Archbishop of Palermo, Sicily, made an official visit to San Francisco recently.

As he celebrated Mass before a large crowd at Sts. Peter and Paul Italian Church, the cardinal paid tribute to the Italian people for being ''very big workers. Everybody knows what good workers have been the Italian people.'' His homily also paid tribute to Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco as the ''shepherd, pastor, to all in this town who are called and live as Catholics.''

The Mass followed a daylong series of events which included an interview with *L' Italo-Americano* Area Director Frank Ruffino who presented the cardinal with a medallion and proclamation from San Diego County's Board of Supervisors welcoming him to California, a helicopter ride over San Francisco Bay and a special visit to Fisherman's Wharf Chapel where he led a blessing for all the fishermen who have lost their lives at sea. (The chapel was dedicated in their honor.)

That evening's dinner reception, which was attended by Mayor Art Agnos, included presentations by state Senator Milton Marks; Joseph Alioto, former mayor and president of the Madonna Del Lume Society; and Ruffino who served as San Diego County emissary and presented the cardinal with a check for the orphanage of Palermo on behalf of the Sicilia Culturale Society.

The cardinal also received proclamations from Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Supervisor Angela Alioto, two memorial plaques and various artifacts and souvenirs. Agnos presented him with a city proclamation.

In his homily, Cardinal Pappalardo urged the Italian people to ''balance the deep amount of evil that is in this world — this evil that is also in Italy and Sicily. Many people think all Italy and all Sicily is tainted. You must show that this is not true. ... Give to the world this demonstration that the Italian people are a good people.''

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Debate continues on rites for blacks

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Since Father George A. Stallings established the Imani Temple in early July, the debate over how to best meet the spiritual and educational needs of African-American Catholics has continued unabated.

The most recent entrants into the debate were two of the United States' African-American bishops and the National Office for Black Catholics.

Cleveland Auxiliary Bishop James P. Lyke, one of the black bishops in the United States, said Father Stallings' decision to establish Imani Temple may be "a decision in conscience," but the Washington priest would have to accept the "necessary consequences" if that decision disrupts church unity.

"We must respect his (Father Stallings') conscience," Bishop Lyke told an assembly of pastoral staffs in Cleveland's African-American community Aug 14. But "there are necessary consequences to a decision in conscience which threatens or disrupts the unity of the church."

Father Stallings, former evangelist for the Archdiocese of Washington, was suspended by Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington after Imani Temple liturgies began July 2.

Bishop Lyke challenged a number of issues raised by Father Stallings since the debate began this summer, including Father Stallings' use of the word "catholic to describe Imani Temple," the "strikingly non-collegial" way Imani Temple was established "without prior formal and open consultation," and "the bold assertion that the church is a racist institution."

Father Stallings, Bishop Lyke said, "appears to conveniently forget that the church for decades and up to the present has worked with the black community" and cited the rising numbers of African-American bishops and diocesan offices for black Catholics in the past decade.

Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, another black bishop, avoided referring to Father Stallings or Imani Temple by name in an Aug. 9 address at a Detroit liturgy conference. But he said "the events of the summer" are raising "some of the most profound and complex liturgical issues that Catholics have faced since the Second Vatican Council."

While he sees a "need to review" a possible African-American liturgical rite, Bishop Gregory said the bigger issue in the discussion is "cultural self-determination."

African-American Catholics, while maintaining "we belong in the heart of the church," Bishop Gregory said, "do not yet feel that we truly are in the heart of the Catholic Church ...

"If we are, indeed, in the heart of the church, then one must need a powerful stethoscope."

The Catholic Church, Bishop Gregory said, "is facing a complex moment in its history. We are part of a universal church, but we derive from many different cultures, and "liturgy is one obvious tool" for Catholics of any culture to proclaim their identity.

"We know that many other ethnic, linguistic and cultural communities are watching this summer's drama with great interest because of its impact upon their own relationship with the church."

The National Office for Black Catholics on Aug. 6 designated Feb. 4, 1990, as a national day of prayer for the African-American community.

The call came one day after Franciscan Father James Goode urged the national day of prayer during a meeting in Atlanta sponsored by the National Office for Black Catholics.

"We as a people must come together and unite to build our communities and save our black families," Father Goode said. "As African-American Catholics we must move beyond the Father George Stallings question and be the body of Christ in the black community."



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LEGION IN ACTION — Ruth Cerano of St. Patrick Church, North Park, and member of the Legion of Mary, gives medallions and prayer cards to men at Horton Plaza Aug. 20 in conjunction with the Legion's Pilgrimage for Christ. Some 30 Legionaries from throughout California are gathering at St. John of the Cross Church, Lemon Grove, Aug. 19-26, to conduct a home visitation program, inviting households in the parish to join or return to the Catholic faith.

Operation Rescue denied use of churches

LOS ANGELES — While the Los Angeles Catholic archdiocese continues to be supportive of Operation Rescue's goals, it has declined to permit use of any of its facilities for rallies in conjunction with anti-abortion demonstrations scheduled in Los Angeles by the pro-life movement this month.

Operation Rescue officials had requested permission to use a Catholic high school and two churches for rallies in August in the Los Angeles area.

The action was taken, according to archdiocesan officials, because permits to conduct the rallies would result in violation of a court injunction issued in federal court by U.S. District Judge Wallace Tashima. Pending a trial, the temporary injunction forbids any activity by Operation Rescue that would result in further demonstrations.

Use of any archdiocesan facility for planning purposes or rallies, since it is an illegal activity, could lead to cancellation of millions of dollars in insurance coverage for all 282 parishes in the Los Angeles archdiocese, archdiocesan officials explained. The archdiocese's insurance underwriters have advised that all of the archdiocese's insurance coverage would be null and void if the court injunction were to be violated.

In a statement issued to clarify the Los Angeles archdiocese's position regarding "Operation Rescue," Archbishop Roger Mahony has reaffirmed his strong support for the anti-abortion movement, while stressing it is an interdenominational movement and not sponsored by the Catholic Church.

"Operation Rescue must be viewed as one of many important strategies to raise the level of awareness among all Americans to the tragedy of abortion and to work diligently to end the taking of innocent life," Archbishop Mahony said.

"I encourage our Catholic community in the Los Angeles archdiocese to commit yourselves to the many pro-life activities available to you, and to take your active role in defending the right to life of each created human person," he stressed.

"Join with our brothers and sisters of other faith communities in these many efforts so that our commitment to the dignity of each human person can become ever more effective.

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Local youth attempts to preserve landmark

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

LA MESA — Because of Sean Carroll's efforts to be a part of history-in-the-making, the Mount Helix Nature Theatre, which includes the cross and amphitheater, is on its way to becoming a historical site.

Carroll, a 12-year-old parishioner of St. Luke Church, El Cajon, is credited with taking the necessary action to preserve the East County landmark through research he did for a class assignment. The seventh-grader from Emerald Junior High in El Cajon won the grand prize at the junior level in this year's San Diego-Tijuana International History Fair for his research on the theater.

Carroll chose the topic of preserving the Mount Helix Nature Theater for two reasons: the fact that a local atheist wants the landmark cross removed or altered and because ever since he can remember, "it's been up there."

"I go up to enjoy the view. It's history and is a part of all of us. I wouldn't like it changed," said Carroll.

In his research, which included interviews of local people and visits to libraries, historical societies and museums, Carroll discovered that the upkeep of the cross does not come out of the taxpayers' pocket (as local atheist groups have suggested) but from a $30,000 trust fund established specifically for the care of the cross.

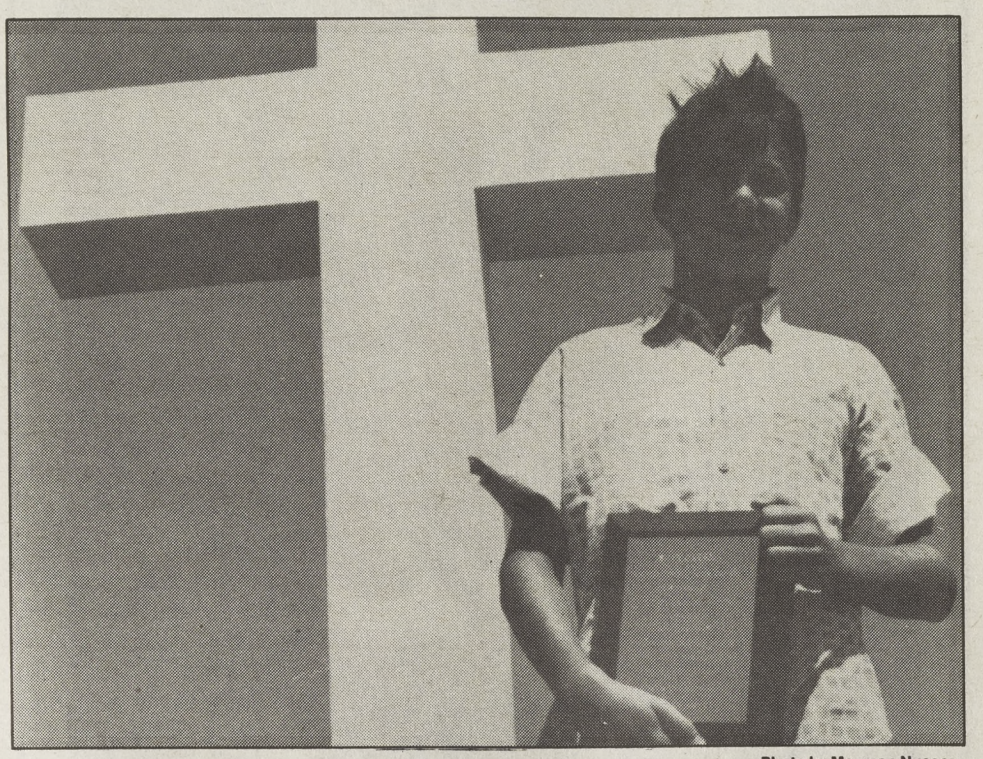


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HISTORY MAKER — Sean Carroll, a parishioner of St. Luke Church, El Cajon, stands in front of the cross atop Mount Helix with a plaque he received for his efforts to preserve the Mt. Helix amphitheater as a historical site.

At the suggestion of 89-year-old Ed Fletcher, whose father donated the land to two longtime friends for a memorial site to their mother, Carroll found the original deed to the property.

Carroll said he discovered that the property would revert back to the heirs if any alterations to the amphitheater were made.

With the encouragement of Karna Webster, a local historian, the young boy took his research to the County Historic Site Board and nominated the amphitheater as a historical site.

The board approved the nomination as did the Grossmont/Mt. Helix Improvement Association and the Valle de Oro Community Planning Group. The nomination now awaits approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

Carroll told *Southern Cross* he is glad to have done something for the community and would have fought just as hard for the theater's preservation if there were not a cross atop the mountain.

He knows the cross symbolizes many different things to people but when he sees a cross, he "thinks of Jesus and the people who have died. For me, it stands for the death of a person or religion. This cross is a part of our community history," Carroll said.

Although he said history is his best subject, his research took many hours and a lot of hard work to complete. Many times he wanted to quit but instead asked God for help.

"He (Jesus) is who I can always talk to and is always there for me," he said.

Carroll feels he's matured a lot since he began his project. "I know I can do more than I thought," he said.

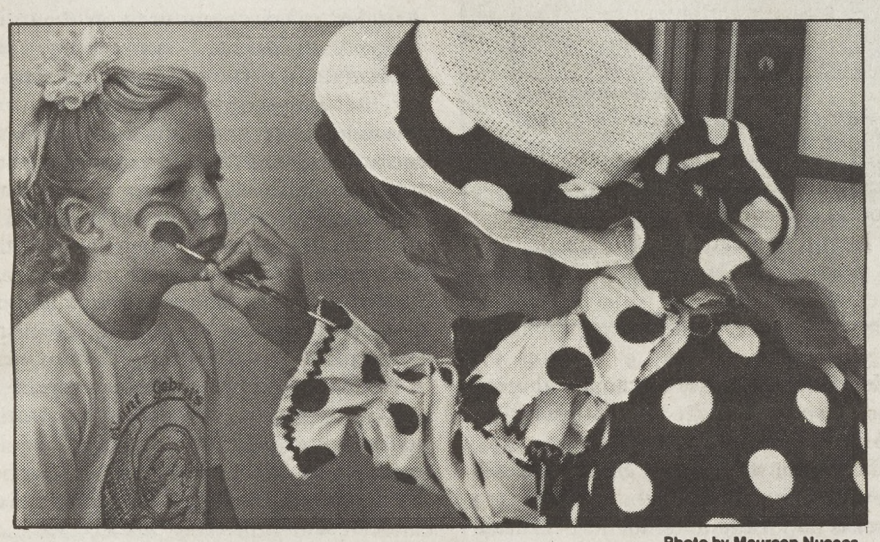


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CLOWNING AROUND — Girl Scout Jill Rowley, troop 943, paints a rainbow on 5-year-old Meghan Saxer as part of St. Gabriel parish's Kids Club. The Poway church sponsored the club twice a week during July for children, ages 1-10. About 50 parish youth participated in the parish-run club which consisted of crafts and lessons.

OLP orientation day slated

NORMAL HEIGHTS — The Academy of Our Lady of Peace will kick off the 1989-90 school year with a mandatory orientation day for all new students and entering freshmen Aug. 30, 5 p.m.

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Parents can foster school achievement

By Dr. Christopher Carstens
Special to Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — Each spring baseball players are filled with optimism. Everyone enters training camp certain that this year all the little things will come together and the team will win big.

In the fall, students feel those same hopes and expectations as they enter the new school year. Resolutions include, "This year, I'll keep up with my homework instead of falling behind," or "I won't get sent to the office even once."

Parents can help their students transform those good intentions into reality. You can't do your third-grader's homework, or take a high school student's biology test; however, you can establish a home atmosphere that fosters achievement, and forge a working link between the home and the school.

First, and most important, set aside time for visiting you child's school. Your presence speaks volumes about the value you place on education. When parents are frequently seen on campus, their children know that school is important.

Every school needs parent participation. Find ways to take part in school activities, even if it means shifting your work schedule from time to time. Drive for a field trip, help supervise students in the library or simply make a point of attending the school open house. Sadly, in many schools, the majority of parents don't even show up for evening activities planned especially for them.

Setting aside time to be physically present at your child's school takes real effort, but there is no better way to establish face-to-face communication with your child's teachers and the school staff. These people are responsible for the education and formation of your child. Personal contact develops the link between the home and the school, and that link is the foundation for increased achievement.

Second, establish a regular time for doing homework. In many homes the nightly dialogue sounds like this:

"When are you going to do your homework?"

"Later, Mom."

"You said that two hours ago!"

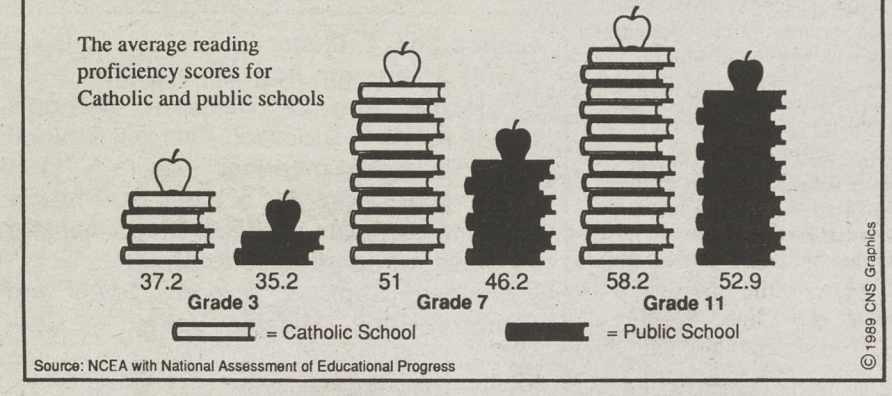
"O.K., as soon as this show is over."

Once you pick a time for homework, stick to it. Older students should help decide on a time. Plan to be available to supervise every night. If the homework is to be done in the living room at 7 p.m., be there at 6:55 p.m. to make sure the student gets started on time.

In the beginning, a parent may need to stay right there to help the student keep on task. As a child starts to develop study habits, less constant supervision is needed. Check every 20 minutes or so to be sure the student keeps working and to help with difficulties.

Finally, if problems occur at school, the solution often lies in increasing communication between the home and the school. If your child brings home a note about school problems, call immediately and schedule a visit as soon as possible. It is best if you can go in the next day — if you wait till next week, the child has often forgotten what the note was about.

Christopher Carstens is a local psychologist and columnist for Catholic News Service.



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BETTER READING — According to information in a National Catholic Education Association study, based on data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, on the average, Catholic students score higher in reading proficiency than public school students.

Native American to be new principal at Pala school

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

PALA — San Antonio de Pala School will see some academic and administrative changes as it welcomes Sister Mary Yarger, CPPS, as the new principal Sept. 5, the first day of school. Her appointment was effective July 1.

Sister Yarger, a member of the Luiseno tribe, located in the Pala area, has taught at the mission school for the past three years. She had previously taught two years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Lakeside, four years at the former San Luis Rey Academy, Oceanside, and five years at a Catholic high school in Phoenix, Ariz.

Sister Yarger said her goal is to improve and continue to develop the academics of the mission school and bring standards up to the potential of its students.

Classes for students in grades 5-8 will become departmentalized. Changing classes is important for students because it will enable them to interact with several teachers and better prepare them for the transition into high school, she said.

Sister Yarger said she will also begin implementation of a course on American Indian culture, particularly tribes found in the Pala area, such as the Luiseno and Cupeno.

An inservice for the school's teachers will be held in the fall to familiarize them with the history of the Native American tribes of the Pala area, she noted. Because there is not much written material, members of the community will be called upon to share with the teachers their knowledge of the cultures, she added.

Members of the community will also be asked to help with the class itself by performing and teaching tribal dances, crafts and arts of the people, said Sister Yarger.

Although some 65 percent of the children at the Indian mission school are Native Americans, it accommodates all members of the community, Sister Yarger said. "Both cultures have to learn to accept each other," she explained.

By integrating the study of the American Indian into the school's curriculum, Sister Yarger said she hopes the American Indian and non-Indian children will gain more respect for each other.

"Catholic education in a religious and academic setting should bring out the best in each person," said Sister Yarger.

Fall enrollment is expected to remain between 170 and 180 students, she added.

Pope uses medieval symbols in ceremony for youth day

By Agostino Bono
Catholic News Service

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Spain — Pope John Paul II spent World Youth Day as a pilgrim, using medieval symbols to show that the modern church cannot forget its evangelizing task as it continues along the "walkways of history."

His overall message was that young people must strengthen their commitment to the church and its teachings so they can take over church reins and direct a badly needed "new Christian evangelization."

This often means avoiding the temptation "to use and abuse" others, the pope said.

Theme of World Youth Day, Aug. 19, was "Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Light."

In a series of speeches and events spreading over a day and a half, the pope emphasized that following Christ often requires being countercultural in personal and social morality.

Church teachings "often are in contrast with current opinions and slogans," he said.

He lashed out at drug addiction, terrorism and overly competitive social systems. Youths also were asked to help clean up the environment and fight against "a pollution of ideas and of morals."

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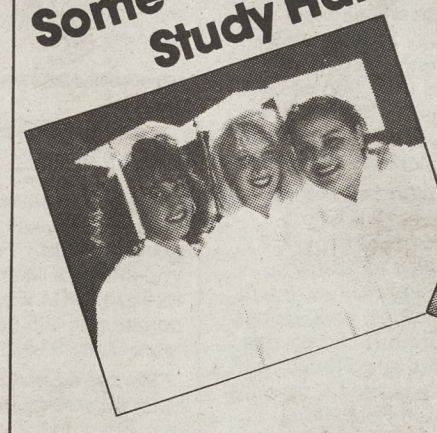
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Bishops' upcoming appointments

Bishop Leo. T. Maher

July 31 through Aug. 26, Vacation.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., Bishop's dining room — Diocesan Pastoral Council executive board meeting.

Thursday, Aug. 31, 5 p.m., St. Francis Seminary, University of San Diego campus — Mass for opening school year.

Sunday, Sept. 3, 5 p.m., Town and Country Hotel, Mission Valley — Concelebrated Mass, Italian Catholic Federation convention.

Friday, Sept. 8, noon, The Immaculata, Alcala Park — Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi Church, Bonita — Mass, groundbreaking for new church.

Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez

Aug. 26 through Sept. 26 — Rome.

Parishes

Blessed Sacrament, San Diego, is sponsoring a cruise to the Western Caribbean in January, 1990. Ports include Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios, Cozumel and Tulum. A Disney World tour is a post-cruise option. Package includes air fare and hotel in Miami. Cabins are limited. Cost is $990 per person. Call 670-6858 after 6 p.m.

Christ the King, San Diego, "Fiestas Patrias" begins with a dance Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Features include food and games. Presented by the Hispanic group. Cost is $5. Call 231-8906.

Church of the Resurrection, Escondido, parish festival will be held Aug. 27. Features include a barbeque, games, music and a drawing for a grand prize of $10,000. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Angels Byzantine, San Diego, will hold its annual bazaar Sept. 16-17, noon-7 p.m.

Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, wil hold its 6th annual "Old Mission Heritage Ball" Sept. 9. Music provided by Les Brown. Donation is $125 per person. Free lodging for guests at the retreat center. For more, call Mary Ellen Germann 757-3644, or Glenda Wells, 757-3659.

Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon, will hold a blood drive Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Maloney Center. Call Lynn Stedd, 296-6393, ext. 37.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico, will host a dinner and dance fund-raiser for adults only Sept. 9 at the Calexico Community Center. Sponsored by the youth of the parish. Donation is $40 per couple and includes dinner and two drinks.

Our Lady of Light, Descanso, will host its 52nd annual deep-pit barbeque Sept. 3, noon-6 p.m. Features include the release of giant soap bubbles, door prizes and a raffle which includes a trip to Hawaii. Music provided by Breakheart Pass. All are invited. Raffle tickets are available by calling 445-3620.

Santa Sophia, Spring Vally, will sponsor a fall festival Sept. 15-17 on the church grounds. Theme is "Rock Back to the Past." Festivities include entertainment, carnival rides, games, craft exhibits, dancing, food and a drawing for a Chevy S-10 Pickup. The annual "Casa de Oro Parade" will be held Sept. 16, 11 p.m. For more information call 462-5348.

St. Catherine Laboure, San Diego, is seeking pledges for the parish blood drive reserve fund. Each donor receives free testing for cholesterol. Sign-ups will be taken before and after each Mass until Sept. 23.

St. Gregory the Great, San Diego, will hold its annual festival Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Hoyt Park, Scripps Ranch. Festivities include food, games and entertainment. For more, call 578-6699.

St. Margaret, Oceanside, is selling raffle tickets for a chance at a quilt at the Funfest Sept. 2-3. Tickets are $1 each or $5 for six.

St. Michael, Poway, will sponsor an informational meeting on Operation Rescue Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., in the social hall. A short video will be shown and an accompanying presentation will be given by members of Operation Rescue.

St. Patrick, North Park, needs items for Granny's Attic and Grandpa's Garage at the fall festival. Leave items at the school porch. Items for auction are also needed. Call Father Gary Sanders, OSA, 295-2157.

St. Pius X, Jamul, will hold its 26th annual Gymkhana (games on horseback) Oct. 1. The parade begins at 9 a.m. Festivities include a deep pit barbeque, a fun zone and a cash raffle. To register for horse events, call Bob Taron, 669-1517. Admission is free. Anyone interested in donating a raffle prize can call Lou Torretto, 669-1838.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Hills, holds a meeting for seniors each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Activities include senior marketing that features speakers, films, bingo and fresh produce sold at reasonable prices. The mission circle will sponsor a trip to the Grand Dinner Theater in Anaheim Dec. 2 to see "Hello Dolly." Cost is $38 and includes the show and lunch. For reservations, call 298-2081, or 291-6709.

Groups

Shield of Roses will sponsor a Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in El Cajon, Sept. 2, 7:50 a.m. and on Sept. 9 at St. Martin of Tours Church, La Mesa. Immediately following Mass, there will be a rosary procession at Dr. E. Allred's abortion clinic, 8881 Fletcher Parkway.

Catholic Singles Club, will hold volleyball games every Thursday evening, 5:30 p.m., Ski Beach. Call Tim, 562-7282.

St. Patrick's Seniors can see "Camelot" at the Moonlight Amphitheatre, Vista, on Aug. 31. Cost is $31 and includes performance and box dinner. There will be a fall foliage cruise in September. Call Carrie Johnson, 282-7109, for details.

Serra Club, San Diego, invites all members to attend the Father Junipero Serra aniversary Mass and dinner Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala. Tickets are $12.50 per person.

Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholics, ages 25-45, to a "Casual Weekend Wear Dance" on the patio at A Place to Meet, Mission Beach, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. For more information, call 543-4400, ext. 258, or 584-1654.

Single Again will sponsor a Mass Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bay Park, followed by a "rap session" and refreshments. There will be a barbeque Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m. Call Rita for directions, 277-4545.

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Hillcrest, will hold a Babytime Swapmeet Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Items to be sold include maternity clothes, infant and toddler clothes, toys, games, books, and furniture. Admission is $1 for buyers and $10 for sellers. Proceeds benefit Mercy's Family-Centered Education Program. For more, call 260-7077. The 20th annual Mercy Ball will be held Oct. 14 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. Proceeds benefit Mercy's Obstetric and Gynecology Clinic. For information, call 291-2244.

Oceanside Deanery will meet Sept. 13 at Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Oceanside. Mass begins at 11 a.m. Lunch is $2 per person. Reservations must be made by Sept. 8. Call Muriel Trost, 757-4394, or Enid Martinez, 439-7484.

Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for a cash drawing to be held Oct. 14 at a dinner and dance at Our Mother of Confidence parish, University City. Winner need not be present. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus or by calling John Moore, 278-5392. Proceeds benefit the parochial schools of the diocese.

Workshops

Bible study will be held Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m., followed by a prayer circle for men at St. Patrick parish, North Park. Directed by Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA. Call 299-9015.

Bible study will be held Mondays, 7-8 p.m., at Holy Spirit parish, San Diego. Seminarian Rich Perozich will conduct the meetings. Call 262-2435.

San Luis Rey charismatic prayer meetings are held Sunday evenings, 8-9:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 10:30-noon, in the Lasuen room, Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside.

Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held seven consecutive Sundays, Sept. 10 through Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey, Peyri room, Oceanside. Open to persons 18 and older. Previous attendance at a prayer meeting is suggested. For more, call the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center, 45-3255.

Diocesan preschool certification course for the North County will be held Sept. 16, Oct. 14 and Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Church of the Resurrection, Escondido. Cost is $40 per person and includes all materials. Preregistration deadline is Sept. 8. Call 574-6311.

RCIA will hold a workshop focusing on the period of pre-catechumenate Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., at St. Brigid Church, Pacific Beach. Geared toward team members who have attended "Beginnings and Beyond" and "Mini-Beginnings." Call 574-6311.

Retreats

Labor Day Desert Experience, a silent retreat, will be held Sept. 1-3. Directed by Fathers Michael Weishaar, OFM and Evan Howard, OFM. Suggested donation is $65 per person. For more, call 757-3659.

Marriage Encounter will sponsor weekends Sept. 22-24 and Oct. 13-15. For information, call 461-5683 or 739-9231.

Diocesan-wide charismatic prayer meeting will be held Sept. 16, 7 p.m., at St. Patrick parish hall, Carlsbad. Call 459-3255.

Men's retreat, conducted by Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA, will be held Sept. 22-24 at HiPass Camp. Cost is $40. For reservations, call Jerry Falk, 282-2535.

Prince of Peace Abbey retreats are available throughout the year. For information, call 430-1305 or 430-1306.

Liturgies

Roving Mass for young adults will be held Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m., at The Immaculata, Alcala Park. Call 692-4343.

Mass with healing service will be celebrated by Father Ralph Weishaar, OFm, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside.

Mass with healing service will be held the first Friday of each month at 7:15 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Mission Hills. Sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center. Mass and healing services are also held at the following churches: Mary, Star of the Sea, La Jolla; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico; St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove; St. Mary, Escondido; St. Mary, National City; St. Charles Borromeo, Point Loma; and Mission San Luis Rey. For further information call 459-3255.

A Polish Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the Carmelite Monastery.

Catholic Deaf Community sponsors sign language-interpreted Sunday Masses at the following parishes: St. Francis, Vista, 9 a.m.; St. Gabriel, Poway, 9:30 a.m.; St. Mark, San Marcos, 9 a.m.; St. Mary Magdalene, Clairemont, 10 a.m.; Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon, 10:30 a.m.; St. Kieran, El Cajon, 5:30 p.m.; St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista, 8:45 a.m. For details, call 574-6397 (voice) or 574-6398 (TDD only).

Tridentine Latin Mass is celebrated Sundays at 9 a.m. and holy days at noon in Holy Cross Chapel. Confessions and the rosary precede Mass. For details, call 298-8763.

Mass at the Newman Center, San Diego State University, will be celebrated every weekend during the spring semester. Times: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Call 583-9181.

USD

"The Unreported Story of the Drug Problem," presented by Chief Counsel Daniel Sheehan, will be held Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m., Camino Theater, University of San Diego. Donation is $7. For more, call 270-9027.

Miscellaneous

Nazareth Retirement House, needs volunteers to help with retired priests and seniors. For details, call Florence Murphy, 282-2386.

"The Church and Racism: Towards a More Fraternal Society," has just been released by the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace. The 52-page document is available at the St. Paul Book and Media Center, San Diego. Call 232-1442.

One World Friendship, a non-profit student exchange program, needs hosts families for the nine-month school year. Call Tom Nehrin, 299-6549.

National Apostolate with Mentally Retarded Persons, provides free information on the Catholic Church and persons with mental retardation. Call toll free 1-800-736-1280.

TV-Radio

"Kingdom Living," a Catholic study of the Word using the Sunday readings, is broadcast on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. on KTTY-Channel 69 and Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Cox Cable-Channel 26. Hosted by Deacon Bob Mueller.

"Sunday Focus," a program featuring religious news from San Diego and around the world, is broadcast on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. on KGTV-Channel 10. Produced by the San Diego Ecumenical Conference.

Sunday Mass, a Catholic liturgy for television, is broadcast every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on KNSD-TV Channel 39.

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Sunday, Santa Misa, 7 a.m., UNI. Father Michael Manning, 11:30 p.m., CCN.

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"Father Michael Manning" airs on television station KSCI, Channel 18, UHF, Thursdays, 4:30-5 p.m.

Rosary hour can be heard Monday through Friday on Radio KMJC, AM, at 7:45 p.m. Cost to sponsor a program is $35. For details, contact James Paul Duffy, 9395 Harritt, SP 43, Lakeside, Calif., 92040.

The Daughters of St. Paul can be heard in Spanish, Saturday mornings, Radio KMJC, AM, at 7:30 a.m.

Family Talk from Covenant House can be heard every Sunday night on radio station KVSD, Vista, from 7-9 p.m.

Listen My People featuring Archbishop Fulton Sheen and other speakers, can be heard Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. on KMJC 910 AM dial.

"Where Catholics Meet," produced by Catholic Media Apostolate, airs Sunday, 8:30-9 a.m., Radio KOWN-AM 1450.

"Heritage," a 13-part cultural documentary on KPBS-TV Channel 15, cable 12, continues Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m. Programs feature the contributions of Hispanics in the arts, politics and society.

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El nuevo obispo y los hispanos

Los católicos hispanos de la diócesis de San Diego (más del 50% de los fieles diocesanos), aunque ya se hicieron representar en la recepción del lunes, 24 de julio, se complacen en ofrecer hoy, por medio del Southern Cross, un atento y cordial saludo de bienvenida al Sr. Obispo Robert H. Brom, junto con algunas consideraciones concernientes a la relación del Señor Brom con nuestra comunidad Latina.

Ante todo, queremos destacar las primeras, muy dicientes actitudes y manifestaciones del nuevo Pastor respecto a nosotros, y agradecerle lo que ya ha hecho y está haciendo por esta extensa porción de su futura grey. Y con base en esto, pactar con él un mútuo compromiso de amistad, de eclesialidad viviente y compartida, de responsabilidad en trabajo conjunto por el bien común impregnado de Dios.

Agradecemos, en primer lugar, al Sr. Obispo Coadjutor, que aunque los organizadores de la recepción del lunes 24 (involuntariamente, de seguro) no tuvieron en cuenta al Obispo Auxiliar Gilberto Chávez, nuestro Vicario Episcopal, sin embargo el Sr. Obispo Brom, con un gesto muy noble de hermandad e inteligencia, lo llamó de entre los 24 obispos que asistían, para que presidiera con él la concelebración.

Este proceder tiene para nosotros mucho sentido: indica que el futuro Ordinario reconoce, aprecia y quiere hacer ostensibles los valores y la misión del guía espiritual escogido para los Hispanos por la jerarquía de la Iglesia y la Sede Apostólica: nacido en California, biling†ue, y profundo conocedor vivendial de las dos culturas en que nos debatimos; el canal humano y consagrado que la Iglesia ha establecido para su comunicación con nosotros; su liderato nos ha acompañado durante 15 difíciles años.

Agradecemos también al Sr. Obispo Brom lo que dijo al presidente de la mesa Ejecutiva Hispana, Jesse Rivera; a Roberto Lobato, del S.D.O.P. (San Diego Organizing Project) y a Enrique Méndez, director del Centro Padre Hidalgo, quienes a pesar de no haber recibido la invitación oficial, juzgaron su deber acudir a la recepción del lunes 24 de julio, en nombre de los líderes católicos hispanos laicos.

Al saludarlos, les dijo el Señor Brom que deseaba conocer personalmente a todos los líderes hispanos; que cuando regresara de Los Angeles y Cuernavaca (adonde esperamos que no sólo estudiará nuestra lengua, sino también se impregnará de nuestra densa y centenaria cultura, cosas que merecen nuestra entrañable gratitud), quería que todas nuestras gentes le hablaran en español! Que le tuviéramos paciencia.

''Con bondadoso gesto -comenta Rivera- nos mostró su cruz pectoral, con la imagen esculpida de la Virgen Guadalupana.'' ''Le aseguro, Señor Obispo, -díjole Méndez- que ese pectoral así, el único entre todos los existentes.'' ''Aprecio mucho, mucho este regalo que acabo de recibir.'' -respondió el Obispo Brom.

Igualmente es digno de nuestro agradecimiento lo que hemos leído en la entrevista con el ''Southern Cross'': ''que el Señor Brom manifestó su esperanza de que el Auxiliar Gilberto y los colaboradores de éste, le ayuden en el apostolado con su numerosa feligresía Hispana'', con la cual ''piensa relacionarse directamente: persona a persona, parroquia por parroquia.'' Puede contar seguramente el futuro Obispo de San Diego con la colaboración completa de todos los Hispanos.

Las reacciones y manifestaciones todas del nuevo Pastor, relativas a nosotros, nos tienen gratamente sorprendidos. No estamos acostumbrados a esta maravilla. Parece que una nueva era se abre para la diócesis de San Diego. Esperamos sinceramente, con fe en la persona del nuevo Pastor, y rogamos a Dios, que todo este prodigio no sea una mera táctica de diplomacia.

Confiamos en el Obispo Brom y suplicamos al Señor que le sea posible al futuro Pastor llevar a cabo las valiosas intenciones manifestadas, que encierran un hondo sentido teológico, de la eclesiología centenaria, reiterada por el Vaticano II, según la cual ''No existe diferencia alguna en Cristo, entre hombre y mujer; ni entre esclavo y libre, ni entre griego y judío.(G1.3,28).Y lógicamente: ni entre negros, blancos, amarillos o Hispanos.Todos somos iguales ante Dios.

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Jesse Rivera, ''chairman'' de la Mesa Ejecutiva Hispana
Enrique Méndez, Director del Centro Padre Hidalgo
Roberto Lobato, del S.D. Organizing Project



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CRUZADA DEL SANTÍSIMO ROSARIO — El Sr. Obispo Auxiliar Gilberto E. Chávez fué el celebrante principal en la segunda Cruzada anual del Santísimo Rosario efectuada el 13 agosto en la Iglesia de Santa Maria, Escondido. La Cruzada del Santisimo Rosario se lleva a cabo en conmemoración de la fiesta de la Asunción, el día 15 de agosto.

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Archbishop calls for cease fire in Beirut

LOS ANGELES — Stressing that a massive new offensive undertaken by Syria and Iran-supported forces threatens "the very survival of the Lebanese Christian community" in Beirut, Los Angeles Catholic Archbishop Roger Mahony has called on the world's nations to seek a cease fire.

His plea for an end to hostilities was made during a candle-light vigil and prayer service attended by several hundred members of Los Angeles' Lebanese and Armenian communities (August 16) at the archdiocese's headquarters.

"I join with the Lebanese peoples throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in raising both fervent prayers and urgent pleas for an end to the fighting and a renewed search for a peaceful solution to some 14 years of civil war," Archbishop Mahony stated.

"The unbelievable loss of life, the thousands of injuries, the incalculable sufferings, and the widespread destruction which have ravaged Beirut over the years have now reached a crescendo of such proportions that only God's grace can work the miracles now needed," the archbishop stressed.

"Human pride and national selfishness have taken hold of the minds and hearts of so many who destroy both a land and a people," he added.

Archbishop Mahony echoes the words of Pope John Paul II who earlier had pleaded, "In the name of God, I turn to the Syrian authorities, asking them to stop the bombardment."

"Our Holy Father correctly refers to the latest combined attacks as 'genocide' on the part of Syrian leaders. It is clear, that for whatever political reasons, the Syrians appear to support the total annihilation of the Christian Lebanese peoples.

"Their presence in Lebanon over the years has been explained as a need to guarantee their 'own security.' But finally, the truth of their real motives becomes so obvious," Archbishop Mahony said.

"The new combined forces involving various militias, Syria and Iran present a graver threat to peace and security in Lebanon — and to all the middle East — than any previous event over the years," he stressed.

"The entire international community, together with the United Nations, must take immediate steps to seek a cease fire and to pressure both Syria and Iran to back away from their announced intentions," the archbishop urged.

Archbishop Mahony, who serves as International Policy Committee chairman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, returned last month from a 10-day fact-finding trip (July 3-12) to Israel/Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

The purpose of the visit was to gather information to be used in preparing a policy statement on the Middle East which will be presented to the NCCB's semi-annual general meeting to be held in Baltimore in early November.

One of the main findings of the trip was the realization, the archbishop reported, that "a very special moment of opportunity exists for peace in the Middle East with the right kind of support from the United States and the world community — and that moment should not be lost."

"It is our hope that the bishops' statement will help nudge United States policy with respect to the Middle East in a constructive direction without being specific as to what that policy should be," Archbishop Mahony said.



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HOSTAGE TO VIOLENCE — An elderly woman appears perplexed as she surveys the ruins of a neighborhood of West Beirut shelled during a bombardment between Syrian and Christian Lebanese forces. Lebanon's Maronite Catholic information agency describes the Lebanese people as "hostages" to 14 years of occupation and war. Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles pleaded for an end to hostilities during a candlelight prayer service held last week in Los Angeles.

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